

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2019-281-S

IN RE:

Application of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. for
adjustment of rates and charges for, and
modification to certain terms and conditions
related to the provision of sewer service.

**MOTION FOR PREHEARING
CONFERENCE**

Applicant Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (“PUI”), pursuant to S.C. Code Regs. 103-829 (2012), hereby moves the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) for an order directing the parties of record to participate in a prehearing conference before a designated staff member as provided for under S.C. Code Regs. 103-839 (2012). In support thereof, PUI would respectfully show unto the Commission as follows:

1. The Commission has ordered that a hearing in this contested case proceeding shall be conducted beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, and continuing, if necessary, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, also beginning at 10:00 a.m. In accordance with Order No. 2020-403 issued June 5, 2020, in Docket No. 2020-106-A, the hearing(s) will be conducted virtually.

2. The specific matters PUI seeks to have addressed at a prehearing conference include the following:

- a. The potential for submission of witness testimony on a stipulated basis with a waiver of the right of cross examination by the parties;
- b. The potential for the submission of witness testimony via verification without actual participation in the virtual hearing;
- c. The means by which documents that a party may wish to use to impeach witness testimony under Rules 607 and 608, SCRE, are to be provided to the Commission Chair, opposing counsel, the witness, and the court reporter in a virtual hearing;

- d. The request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) for an amendment to the Application, specifically including Exhibit A thereto.
- e. Presentation of testimony by Intervenor Lisa Levine in the event that PUI’s motion to dismiss her intervention is not granted;
- f. Submission of revised pre-filed testimonies by PUI and ORS in the event that all or part of PUI’s June 5, 2020 motion to strike and for sanctions is granted, and
- g. Discussion concerning the potential for settlement.¹

3. In the event that the Commission is disposed to direct that a prehearing conference be held, PUI suggests that it be conducted no earlier than June 18, 2020, but as soon thereafter as is practicable.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth its motion, PUI requests that it, and such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and lawful, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

s/John M. S. Hoefer
 John M. S. Hoefer
 Andrew R. Hand
WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.
 930 Richland Street
 PO Box 8416
 Columbia, SC 29202-8416
 Telephone: (803) 252-3300
 Facsimile: (803) 256-8062
 jhoefer@willoughbyhoefer.com
 ahand@willoughbyhoefer.com

Attorneys for Palmetto Utilities, Inc.

Columbia, South Carolina
 This 10th day of June, 2020

¹ PUI is of course willing to have any other matter within the ambit of R.103-839 addressed at a prehearing conference if one is directed by the Commission to be held.